

Staging Olympics has been a 'huge success'

LONG TERM LEGACY WILL BE BOOST TO TOURISM



■ OLYMPIC Legacy Minister Bob Neill, visiting Weymouth's sports arena, chats to former England cricket captain Mike Gatting. **SEE PAGE 5**

WEYMOUTH and Portland wants local tourism to reap the benefits after winning gold medal applause for its success in staging the Olympic sailing events.

The Games finished four days ago and the borough is taking stock of the event before the Paralympic Games start in a fortnight's time.

Weymouth and Portland Mayor Margaret Leicester said: "It went a lot better than we thought it would at one point when visitor numbers were well down and people were concerned that they might not be able to get where they wanted to.

Big difference

"That problem was addressed through reduced park and ride charges and different road signage as far away as the M5 which made a big difference.

"Once that was done the crowds flowed in and I think Weymouth and Portland's tourism industry will benefit from it because the views shown worldwide were fantastic.

"That said, to be fair I have been told by representatives of other countries which staged the Games

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that it took them a year or two to get back their regular holidaymakers.

"I hope that we have highlighted that we are more than just a seaside place.

"Masses of business in-

vestors have been entertained, we have been overloaded with requests from investors for them to come down and see what we have to offer and the eco-

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ROS Kayes is a prominent Bridport town and district councillor and member of many groups and organisations within the town.

You will see her running around the town during the next 13 days as she oversees the inaugural Spirit of Bridport Festival of Culture in her guise as the co-chairman of the group.

Today she talks about why the festival is so important for the town and what changes she would like to see happening in Bridport.

■ HOW did you get involved in the Spirit of Bridport?

We started the Spirit of Bridport in 2007 to take advantage of the opportunity to promote Bridport's tourist industry and brilliant arts, culture and local food to a wider audience.

We do arts and culture so well in this town and as the eyes of the world are so acutely on Dorset, it seemed foolish not to benefit the local community with a fantastic celebration of Bridport life. Our town's economy is worth boosting!

We started off as Bridport 2012, only to be told by LOCOG we couldn't use the date in our name. Choosing the most famous painting in the town, Fra Newberry's 'Spirit of Bridport' represents all that's bold, feisty and original about the town.

■ HOW will the festival of culture make a difference to the people living in the town?

There are two main aims for the festival. First, the festival of culture was designed to help people celebrate all that's great about Bridport. There's such a strong community spirit, people love living here, so why not have fun celebrating this.

Secondly, we want to bring more people into town to benefit local businesses - this is why we set up the successful Spirit of Bridport business forum. One of my key aims for this festival is to boost income in the town and benefit the community.

■ WHAT'S been the biggest challenge organising the festival?

Where do I start! Getting funding; organising the logistics with the help of Andy Hutchinson a brilliant and indispensable volunteer; trying to accommodate the requirements of the myriad of organisations involved. Putting a huge programme together and dealing with the design side of things. Managing a huge team of volunteers and keeping them all actively involved. There's so much to do putting together a festival of this sort.

Thanks to the dedicated support of local people, the Spirit committee and wider community, we have a brilliant festival planned.



Robert Golden Photography

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■ WHAT would you like to see changed in Bridport to make it a better place?

Affordable housing. We've just started a Community Land Trust to try to find a way of doing this by ourselves in the community because it doesn't seem as if housing providers or councils care enough about meeting the need. So let's make it happen.

I hate the high private rents as well. Improving the economy and opportunities for young people too, which we have been working on with skills training initiatives over the last few years. These have been very successful, but more remains to be done.

■ DO you have any other hobbies?

Hobbies? I'm sure I used to have time for them, just things are always so very busy. I love walking in the countryside, travelling the globe (when there's time). Tibet and Cambodia have been incredible in the last few years. I also love song writing and performing, film, theatre and the arts.

■ HAVE you enjoyed the Olympics?

I love the Olympics. I've always been a bit of an obsessive about them. So far I've been stunned by how well our women athletes have done and it was great to see women's football, which (don't laugh), I used to play in my youth, finally being taken seriously and drawing crowds when we beat Brazil. It's been a women's games for me - Jess Ennis, our women rowers - it's been fantastic.

■ IF you could ask anyone from history for a dinner party who would they be?

Machiavelli, George Eliot, Ian Hislop, Karl Marx. Can you tell, I like talking about politics and social reform!

■ WHAT three things would you buy first if you won the lottery?

If I won the lottery - a farm in the South of France or Northern Italy; I'd give members of my family enough to encourage and inspire them and ensure they'd never suffer poverty; I'd set up a charity or social enterprise to support young people and develop non-profit making housing. If I won the lottery I'd do the last one first.

■ IF you were stuck on a desert island what three things would you want with you?

A man! A guitar or piano and could I have my iPad? If not, pen and paper. I love to write.

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Danny's gold simulation

GOVERNMENT Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander won a "gold medal" when he tried out canoeing at the special sports arena area on Weymouth Beach.

Mr Alexander also visited the Live Area before going on to the Nothe to watch sailing.

Before that he took time to tour the sports arena and he told the View: "Canoeing was the sport I have seen on TV and really wanted to do it."

He did well, winning a "gold medal" in

a short simulated race (pictured above).

Mr Alexander also told the View that the £9 billion cost of the Olympic Games had been money well spent.

He added: "It is hugely important to invest time and money in sport and enhancing the life of people all round the country."

He said that youngsters enjoyed sport and were interested in it which was such an important part of the legacy of the Games.

WEYMOUTH and Portland can look forward to a rich legacy from the Olympics.

That was the message from Government Transport Secretary Justine Greening when she caught a train to the resort and visited a variety of sites including the Swannery car park, the beach sports arena, the Live Site and the British Business Park at Weymouth College.

Asked how she felt controversial and often hugely unpopular transport arrangements for the Games had gone she said she felt they had worked. There might have been some queue problems, but she said that at the end of the day the Olympics had been bound to make Weymouth busy.

The surge in interest in

By Harry Walton

Weymouth and Portland came because "the nation switched on to Ben Ainslie" which had showed Weymouth off to its absolute best and "people around the world want to come here and experience it for themselves".

She said she had been delighted by her visit to the sports arena where she'd kicked a volleyball and been "desperate to get in the sea".

She added that there were so many activities for children, enabling visitors to watch the Olympics and sample some sports which was a wonderful combination which had "immensely impressed" her.

The Olympic ambassadors were "amazing" and really made the venue, she said, while the legacy would be in how many people had chosen to get

out of their cars and on to their bikes, promoting a healthier Weymouth with fewer vehicles on the road.

She suggested that future debate on how things had gone would enable people to retain what they'd like and get rid of what they hadn't.

She also briefly commented on the decision to discontinue the local Search and Rescue helicopter, saying the most important thing was to get good cover along the south coast.

She added: "The changes we are making are all about being in a better position to respond to emergencies than we have been in the past."

In conclusion she said she felt the Games would see Weymouth and Portland "reap the benefits for many years to come".

AFTER SLOW START, WEYMOUTH CAN EXPECT 'RICH LEGACY'

Government Minister: Weymouth will 'reap benefit for many years'



■ TRANSPORT Secretary Justine Greening (left) with ambassador team leader Cordie Tett and ambassador co-ordinator Oliver Rendle

Olympics will 'boost tourism'

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nomic signs are very positive.

"The beach area and sports arena in Weymouth were a huge success and that is something that we have got to look at repeating in the future because it was so popular that parents couldn't get their children out of there."

Weymouth and Portland 2012 head of operations Simon Williams was also positive and said the borough had enjoyed "huge success" in its task of staging the Olympic sailing events and with the Nothe spectator viewing area.

It had also been equally successful, he said, in providing a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors including the Live Site and sports arena.

He praised the work of 530 ambassadors who had been warmly appreciated by hundreds of thousands of people, so much so that many will

now be kept on a register of volunteers for future events.

Mr Williams also said that he felt the Games would have long term tourism and economic benefits for Weymouth and Portland helped by "outstanding" global television coverage of the whole area, the only venue to benefit from such coverage.

He added: "The response from people all over the world has been fantastic. We have had no complaints about seafront services and facilities and the sports arena was extremely popular."

"Weymouth, Portland and Dorset has been commended for hosting fantastic sailing events, Government Ministers and other senior people came down here and they all went away very pleased and impressed."

Legacy was already here with measures such as the relief road, transport and cycling facilities, he

said, while Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy reported that it had bookings up to two years ahead.

Mr Williams said: "The signs for future tourism are good. What we need to do now is capitalise in the years ahead on us having been an Olympic venue."

◆ WEYMOUTH'S beach sports arena proved so popular that massive queues built up well ahead of opening time.

More than 300 people lined up for this queue stretching back towards the King's Statue.

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Saving our seas for another generation

■ **RECYCLERS:** Year 3 pupils from Southill Primary School learn about saving the oceans

CHILDREN learnt how important it was not to pollute the seas of the world at a Global Oceans event in Southill Primary School, Weymouth.

Artists were on hand to work with nearly 100 children in a series of workshops where recycled material including plastic milk cartons were turned into works of art for an Olympic exhibition.

Co-ordinator, acting deputy-head-teacher Jayne Browne said: "With the Olympics on our doorstep it was

by Harry Walton

an ideal time to focus on the pollution threat facing our oceans to make children as aware as possible of the importance of looking after our seas.

Among speakers was Dorchester sailor Steve White who said: I talked about all the rubbish I have found in the sea while out sailing and how important it is to stop polluting the oceans from the point of view of wildlife and boating safety and also

because the oceans are for everyone and we want to preserve them for future generations to enjoy."

Workshops co-ordinator Fatemah Abidi said: "We talked to children about the impact of plastic on the oceans of the world and about recycling which we illustrated by getting children to make little plastic boats."

Youngsters heard that a plastic bottle could last in the environment for 2,000 years, slowly breaking down and threatening the food chain.

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■ RICHARD Lowe (left) and AJ Lowe meet Bob Neil before taking to the waves
Minister pleased with 'positive vibes'

OLYMPIC Legacy Minister Bob Neil dodged showers to tour the main sports arena set up on Weymouth Beach for the Olympics.

The arena attracted an estimated 100,000 people during the Games, all keen to try a variety of sports from cricket, football and rugby to rowing, table tennis and golf.

Mr Neill, who has visited Weymouth several times recently, said: "It is great to be back here and I am delighted to see how well it is going. I have been chatting to some of the team here and it is very positive."

"The Olympics have put Weymouth and Portland very firmly on the international map with a wider audience."

Mr Neil, said he hoped Weymouth and Portland would reap both a sporting and an economic legacy with international investors attracted here by the sailing also being talked to about investment.

He added that he didn't think the low number of initial visitors to the borough

would have a serious effect because those numbers had now risen sharply and "we have a real opportunity here".

Asked about Portlanders' feelings that they were being forgotten, he said he appreciated that Portland perhaps viewed itself as a separate community, but he said everyone was keen to see everything integrated across the borough and there would hopefully be spin-off benefits for Portland as well as Weymouth.

Mr Neill said: "We have got sporting enthusiasm here and we have got to capture this and make sure local schools are aware of the facilities available."

"Ben Ainslie is a local lad who has had success and he is a great ambassador for the town. Let's make the most of that."

"We want to make sure that there is a lasting legacy here and show Weymouth and Portland is not just a good place for pleasure but a good place to invest. The work doesn't stop after the closing ceremony. We have got to follow it up."

Refuse action averted before town's big day

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STREETS were due to stay clean during yesterday's Weymouth Carnival after potential action by cleaning and refuse staff was averted by settling a dispute over pay.

Sources told the *View* that a potential rubbish collection boycott was on the cards for the town's annual biggest day of the year because cleaning staff were angry that their special Olympic payments faced a delay.

But a litter logged carnival was averted and Weymouth and Portland street scene manager Karyn Punched explained: "All council services have been delivered in a more flexible manner to ensure a successful Olympic Games in

Weymouth and Portland.

"A set of different payments was agreed for waste and cleansing staff will be delivering their usual excellent service during carnival week."

Unsocial nature

"The arrangements were made as this group of staff is making a significant contribution to leading the delivery of an enhanced street cleansing service."

"They are required to work shift patterns of an increased level of unsocial nature and they will lose the ability to volunteer for addi-

tional weekend work during this period which, under routine circumstances, would have been paid at enhanced levels.

"Difficulties in the timing of these payments have now been overcome. Waste and cleansing staff will be delivering their usual excellent service during carnival week."

Weymouth and Portland environment spokesman Councillor Ian Roebuck said: "Over the past few weeks the beauty of our borough and the glamour and glitz of the Olympics have had a world-wide TV audience."

"But, equally importantly, they and our visitors have seen a town that has done the non-glamorous

things exceptionally well and we should all pay tribute to our cleansing and refuse staff who have made this happen."

"Unobtrusively, during the day and often in the early hours when most of us are in bed, they have been removing the litter, tidying the beach, emptying bins and setting the street scene that visitors can enjoy and at the same time keeping up a normal service for residents despite the disruptions that are going on around them."

"Their commitment and pride in their work are things we should salute as we take pride in the image they have enabled our town to present."

◆ TEST cricket legend Mike Gatting lent a hand on the cricket stand at the sports arena on Weymouth Beach.

Gatting, who played 79 times for England scoring more than 4,400 runs, made the trip down to Weymouth just hours after watching England draw with South Africa at Headingley.

He said he was delighted to be in Weymouth and added: "It is just amazing what the Olympics have done and you can see how much sport means to people whether it be team GB cycling or sailing."

Gatting said he had been enjoying a beer in a bar at Headingley during the Test with Olympic events being shown on televisions and "from the cheering you would have thought there was a thousand people there!"

He added: "I just hope we can capitalise on it." Half the summer is lost to children because they have to sit exams "which has got to be wrong", he said, adding that it would be better for exams to be sat in winter when the weather was poorer so children could have more chance of playing sports during the summer when conditions were better.



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■ JONATHAN Bennett left, with Carol Klein and Angela Bennett on the Monet Bridge at Bennetts Water Gardens

Bennetts water lilies on TV

BBC TELEVISION'S gardening expert Carol Klein has visited Bennetts Water Garden in Weymouth to film a piece on the history of water lily hybridisation.

The gardens hold Plant Heritage's National Plant Collection of Water Lilies which aims to document, develop and preserve a comprehensive collection of water lilies in trust for the future.

Garden owner, Jonathan Bennett said "It is easy to see the progression of this genera of plants in our collection, from the original native plants on to the first hybrids. The oldest varieties we have on display date back to the late 19th century."

The programme is scheduled to be aired on BBC2 on Friday August 17th at 8:30pm.

BID consultation forges ahead

A CONSULTATION exercise on a Business Improvement District in the town will see its second stage completed at the end of August.

Stage one saw a telemarketing campaign launched during July to ensure that all the businesses within the BID area were contacted and sent full information.

Stage two, which began at the beginning of August, continued the telemarketing campaign to ensure that businesses have received the information and returned the reply paid questionnaire by August 31st.

There are just over 500 businesses eligible to vote in the BID ballot due to take place in May-June 2013. These all have a rateable value above £6,000 and fit into the BID area which covers the town centre, harbour, seafront and Preston areas.

BID steering group chairman Nigel Reed said: "The re-

sults so far are encouraging. The freepost questionnaires are starting to come back in and the second stage of the telemarketing campaign is near to completion.

"I would urge all the businesses in the BID area to take part in this consultation as the results will determine what goes into the business plan and this is what people will vote on in the ballot.

"This is an opportunity for the business community to play a role in shaping the town's future. Although Weymouth and Portland council is a partner, this is a business led initiative from start to finish."

The success of other BIDs across the UK is changing the way business communities think. Business led marketing initiatives which lead to new projects and greater footfall are a hallmark of BIDs. In a holiday destination like Weymouth, a BID could significantly help in devel-

oping new business projects and events as well as extending the holiday season.

BID marketing sub group chairman Brian Cooper said: "The London 2012 Games have handed Weymouth businesses a massive opportunity to tackle future seasonality. The sheer scale of the TV exposure for Weymouth, Portland and the World Heritage Coast will make this one of the area's main legacies, winning gold for businesses in Weymouth.

"The Weymouth BID, should it get a yes vote at ballot next year, will take a leading role in capitalising on this unique situation, so we are urging businesses to be a part of it."

An open meeting of businesses will take place on September 26th at the Pavilion Ocean Room.

Exhibition to liven up empty shops

EMPTY shops at Weymouth's Colwell Centre have been given a temporary new lease of life through an art exhibition.

The Vacation event, which runs until September 1st, is being run by Weymouth sculptor Christopher Lee.

He said: "I am doing it to breathe new life into Weymouth's dead spaces.

"There are more and more of them and I just want to get them filled and give opportunities to local artists.

"There is a shortage of exhibition space and these units are ideal because they are clean, you don't have to do a lot to them and costs are minimal."

On show are screen prints, photographs, sound, video, modern or contemporary sculptures and sawdust aerial landscapes by eight artists including Mr Lee.

His efforts have been so much appreciated that they have attracted Arts Council funding to help stage the event.

He said: "I hope to approach the council in the future and get their help to set up permanent art exhibition space in an empty shop as well as continuing to use the Colwell Centre."



■ CHRISTOPHER Lee with some of his work

Nothe's Victorian fayre

WEYMOUTH'S Nothe Fort attraction is preparing for some big bangs at their traditional Victorian Fayre on August 18th-19th.

The Fort Artillery will be firing both cannons as well as demonstrating their bugle and drumming skills.

There will be Victorian face painting and many more traditional side shows and stalls including hoopla, coconut shy and stocks and crafts of bygone times.

The Victorian School Room will be open for people to try their hand at adding up "old" money and writing with an ink pen while there will also be a Victorian Treasure Hunt with clues around the Fort and a prize every time.

Come dressed in clothes of the past and enter into the Victorian spirit with fancy dress competitions for the 2-6 years, 7-10 years and the best dressed Victorian family. There will be prizes for all.

New this year will be two full days of arena events.

Stories of ghosts who performed murderous deeds in and around Weymouth will be told in the semi-darkness of the Fort's underground tunnels, for those who dare to enter.

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Statement exhibition



■ **MARY-CLARE** Buckle and the linen paper collage

STRIKING exhibits were on show when Abbotsbury artist Mary-Clare Buckle held an exhibition entitled Britain and the British in the Old Town Hall in Weymouth during the Olympics.

The exhibition seeks to make a statement that all Britain has is its "glorious past" and that the country is being ruined by overdevelopment and undersensitivity to the natural and built environments.

Mary Clare said: "I have had some very good reactions with people particularly liking the enormous flag made of felt wool which took me five months to make and the irony of Pies in the Sky, a textile art piece."

She also created a wonderful collage of photos on linen paper, making the paper herself.

"More information is available from the Abbotsbury-based artist on 01305-871561, on www.all-that-remains.tk and www.1-art-1.com."



■ **RAZZAMATAZ** pupils will be on stage at Her Majesty's Theatre in London

Theatre kids in the West End

FIFTEEN pupils from Razzamataz Theatre School Weymouth will be achieving a dream this November when they perform at Her Majesty's Theatre in London's West End.

Principal of the school, Lauren Whitehead said: "We are delighted to be able to offer this amazing opportunity to our pupils. Rehearsals will be stepping up a notch in September to make sure our pupils really shine like the stars they are!"

"We will also be holding numerous fundraising activities in order to help cover the costs of getting all of us to

London and back. We have sponsored dance-a-thons, cake sales and tea and cake afternoons already planned!"

The Razzamataz pupils will be performing a selection of songs from the hit musical 'Grease' and will also be supporting other Razzamataz students from across the country as they too take to the West End stage.

Razzamataz Theatre School Weymouth will be celebrating their first birthday in September. In this first hugely successful year, pupils from the school have performed at numer-

ous community and charity events, recorded vocals at the Fuzzy Music Studios and received rave reviews following a sell out performance at The Bay Theatre.

To mark their first anniversary, Razzamataz Weymouth is offering local children and young people the opportunity to participate in a free taster session on Saturday, September 8th with free t-shirts available to any students who enrol for classes. Please call Lauren on 01305 770632 or email weymouth@razzamataz.co.uk for more information.

Arts and crafts on show

A LOCAL arts and crafts event to celebrate the Olympics was held at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church.

The event included showings of three famous paintings relating to the sea provided by the Methodist Church of London from their national collection.

Organiser Peter Philp said: "We are extremely pleased with the results, so much so that we are thinking of repeating the event for a week."

Also on show was the work of three embroidery groups, The Embroiders Guild, Royal Manor Workshops and West Country Embroiderers.



■ **PETER** Philp with church preacher Jean Churchill

To-ing and fro-ing

WEYMOUTH Concert Brass played specially commissioned music as the town's famous swing bridge was raised.

The event was being held as part of the b-side multimedia festival and it included To-ing and Fro-ing, a new work for brass written especially for performance at the bridge by Hywel Davies from Somerset.

WCB director Adam Glynn said there were about 30 musicians involved, some on one side of the harbour and some on the other, all watched by Mr Davies.

He added: "The work focuses on the to-ing and fro-ing of music across the water."

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Family fun day

PLANS are being finalised for the second Littlemoor Fantastic Family Fun Day in Weymouth on Saturday August 18th.

The Fun Day will be held on the Top Club Field on Louviers Road and will run from noon until 4pm. Entry is free and all the children's rides are free.

The Bucking Bronco is back again by popular demand as are the bungee run and other inflatables, miniature steam train and trampolines while organisers have added mini waltzers and a children's roundabout.

Local choir Moor Voices will be singing during the afternoon and the MC Marky Jay will keep people up to date with everything that is going on. There will also be refreshments on sale all afternoon to keep energy levels up.

New for this year is Market Street, a table top market and pitches are available for £5, but places are limited so those interested need to book now. Call Jan on 01305 834126 for details.

The event has been organised by 3Zone, Synergy's Neighbour Panel for the local area.

Challenging art

A CHALLENGING artistic display has gone on show near Portland Bill in the National Coastwatch Institution's new training centre.

A Natural History of Pseudomorphs is one of five commissions forming part of exlab, a ground-breaking arts programme responding to the Jurassic Coast and the inland geology of Sherborne where earth scientists and artists have collaborated to reveal hidden landscapes through the lenses of art, geology and technology.

Pseudomorphs, the work of Simon Ryder, is inspired by the unique geology, industry and nature of Portland.

At the heart of his work lies a fossilised Jurassic snail, the Portland Screw, and the notion of the pseudomorph.

Simon has used the latest 3D scanning and printing technologies as his tools and explored how the pseudomorph might be used metaphorically to explore other Portland features such as the Race, an area of dangerous currents just south of the Bill.

Set in a silver sea

A FASCINATING exhibition is running at Weymouth Library on Weymouth and Portland's maritime history. Set in a Silver Sea has been co-ordinated for the library by local historian Maureen Attwooll.

She said: "The library wanted to put on an exhibition to join in the general showcasing of Weymouth and Portland for the Olympics.

"They decided that maritime history would be a good idea, so I sat down with them and we decided on topics from shipwrecks to sailing, King George III and the centenary of King George V's visit here in 1912. We also looked at Town Bridge and Weymouth Harbour.

"We then whittled the list down and provided links to literature about Weymouth and Portland including the famous novel Moonfleet by J.M.Falkner together with items the library is not able to display all the time.

"The exhibition runs into the beginning of September and I hope everyone enjoys and is encouraged to come in and borrow the books it refers to."

Thought provoking play

A PLAY devised by Weymouth College's resident theatre company is to be performed at the Compass Festival as part of the Cultural Olympiad.

Rummage Theatre-a LEAP theatre project devises its own work inspired by real life events evoking emotions, asking questions and sparking debate.

Rummage's first play, Cleansed, which was written by the company, will be performed today (Thursday) from 7.30pm-8.35pm at the Bay Theatre at Weymouth College.

The play is based on the Magdalene Laundries of Ireland which were institutions for "fallen women" where "voluntary prisoners" were incarcerated to "wash their sins away".

The play questions how British society failed generations of women and children by allowing them to be wrongfully imprisoned and brutalised. It also asks what has happened to the survivors, our present day victims who cope with life in the aftermath of these traumatic experiences?

Garden party

A GARDEN party is to be held at St Paul's Church in Weymouth.

The event on Saturday August 25th will run from 10am to 12 noon and there will be cakes, teas and coffees, plants and several stalls.

All are welcome and the event is being held to help raise money for the upkeep of the church.

Seafaring author's tale of a smuggler's son

LOCAL author Paul Weston gave a talk about his sailing experience and background to kick off Weymouth Library's current exhibition of local seafaring history.

Entrepreneur, engineer and seaman turned author, Mr Weston has chosen Weymouth as the setting of his debut novel Weymouth Bound, published by Roving Press. He followed the talk with a signing in local bookshop Imagine Books.

With extensive sailing experience, including a trip from New York to Lymington in a home-designed and built 26-ft boat, Paul has been likened to the next Patrick O'Brian.

Paul said: "I tried to make the nautical bits in the book as authentic as possible, based on my seagoing experience, and the experience of leading

men in difficult conditions.

"I have a great love of the sea and try to get this over to the reader as best I can."

He has already hooked readers who have found it a fascinating insight into a 19th-century sailor's life. It was this that caught the eye of local publisher Julie Musk of Roving Press.

She said: "Paul clearly knows what he's talking about and brings his experience to bear in this excit-

ing and original story."

Set in 1800, Weymouth Bound charts the rise of young seaman Jack Stone, a Portland smuggler's son and apprentice on a mer-

chant ship, and takes the reader on an exciting journey along the English south coast and across to France, involving desperate struggles at sea and the

near-capture of the King at Weymouth.

Books are available locally and from www.rovingpress.co.uk, tel 01300 321531) priced £5.99.



■ TRISHA Ashby Rudd with Betty Forsey on the cake stall

Trips funded from home's summer fair

by Harry Walton
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THERE were some tasty cakes on offer when Buxton House held its summer fair in Weymouth.

Attractions included tombola, a raffle, guess the Olympic city, bric-a-brac, welly throwing, sweets, books, a singer and even a chance to soak manager Trisha Ashby Rudd.

She said residents really enjoyed the day and she added: "The fair was all in aid of our amenity fund for residents to help them go out on trips."

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The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleven

Divine support

THE saying that all work and no play make Jack a dull boy is very true.

Taking holidays away from the normal routine is important. It helps us to see things from a different perspective and that is often a good thing.

One of our holiday memories is the time we spent in the Lake District. It was peaceful and the scenery was wonderful. There were times when it was relaxing to sit by a lake and times when, after a climb, we enjoyed a view from the heights.

For me and my wife, this followed a period when we had experienced a number of problems and we learned some spiritual lessons whilst we were there.

The day before we returned home, I decided to climb one of the smaller mountains; hoping to take photographs from the top. Never before had I sensed the feeling of standing at the top with no support. As I looked around, there was nothing but space between me and distant mountains. For a while, the insecurity made me feel unable to stand at all!

An old hymn has the words: "When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay."

If you have a news story or a photo for the View from Weymouth or the View from Portland please call Harry Walton on 01305 787843 or email hds Walton@yahoo.co.uk



■ IN FOR THE NIGHT: Enjoying the Olympic closing ceremony on Weymouth Beach

The party to end all parties

by Harry Walton
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THOUSANDS packed the main beach as Weymouth and Portland joined in the spectacular Olympic Games closing ceremony beamed in live from London on to two giant screens.

There was thunderous applause, cheers and whistles as Olympic highlights were replayed by which time more than 10,000 people had poured on to the sands.

Spectators dug themselves seats as they settled in for a long night of celebration, beer and wine flowed and picnics were unpacked.

There was a true party atmosphere mirroring that on display at the Olympic Stadium where a musical extravaganza set the scene for the arrival of the athletes.

By now crowds were beginning to mount up on the Esplanade as passers-by stopped to watch the celebrations and the massive crowd on the beach.

Everyone enjoyed themselves right up to a spectacular firework finale as Rio de Janeiro assumed the mantle of presenters for the Olympic Games in 2016.

For 2012 there was just one thing left to do and that was for tired but very happy people to wend their way home to bed.

ViewLetters

■ IN A minor but significant way, our years in the area with children and, latterly, grandchildren, have been marred by inadequate access to Sandsfort Beach. First we lost the original delightful Underbarn walk due to erosion (or inadequate maintenance - depends which way one looks at it!).

Then the Castle Cove sailing club and its boat launch/recovery ramp was closed with the loss of the potential of improving beach access in the area, leading to the loss of a very helpful beach cafe and shop.

All this because we were told of potential slippage of the low cliff of the Underbarn.

Plus the empty jungle site on the corner of the narrow, overgrown path from Old Castle Road to the small but sheltered beach and rock pool 'ledges'.

However, a solution was immediately to hand with the proposed development of the jungle corner plot, already with a 'between the great wars' substantial but overgrown timber Summer House on otherwise wasted land.

Any planning grant would have demanded a proper sheet piled sea wall, suitably stone faced for the sensitive site - double problem solved.

Again, recently, a much revised application to develop this area has been submitted and rejected.

Now we have the same reactionary forces opposing the entirely necessary development of the Small Mouth area in the north west corner of Portland, now the world famous sailing venue.

Surely with the power of our planning law, particularly SSSI areas, just look at other corners of Portland Harbour to see what improvements can be developed and built, if the will is there.

After the spectacular success of all the improvements in this area, it must be obvious to the most conservative resident that, with modern planning, engineering, design and building, plus planting, we really can have both improved, sustainable environment and much better amenities.

Though I doubt that Weymouth and Portland will ever see the Western Relief Road built in the current 'deficit saving' climate, it would not be beyond the skill of the planners to include space for the future road improvement and provide a viable site for developing the approach to the Small Mouth Bridge Portland to a suitable and impressive reality.

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WITH Olympic Games fever over Weymouth Carnival stepped into the void to fuel excitement.

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crowning of the Carnival Queen on the New Vic balcony by X-Factor star Andy Abraham.

The Red Devils parachutists were due to drop out of the sky onto the beach at 10.30am

followed by entertainment on the free beach stage with Blondz on the Beach, Eurovision's Totally Sophie, Andy Abraham, the "singing dustman", as well as many popular local bands and performers.

Carnival's new Fun

Zone featured belly dancers, a steel band, a martial arts display, Savage Skills cyclists and much more.

Before the procession, carnival chairman Roger Hogbin said: "The traditional procession, which promises to be the

best ever, will be preceded by a noisy parade of 200 motorcycles.

"The procession itself will include lots of floats and several bands. The Pipes and Drums of the Wessex Highlanders. Meridian Corps of Drums and the ever popular

Dorchester Carnival Band will also be with us again."

The day was due to finish at 9.30pm with a traditional fireworks display and the Grand Carnival Draw where the first prize was a fantastic BMW Mini First.

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Providing inspiration from our natural environment

NATURAL Weymouth and Portland Partnership have held a weekend providing activities at key wildlife sites across the borough.

Environment Agency spokesman Gemma Sweet said: "We had such a great time at the Games meeting thousands of people that we wanted to continue to inspire locals and visitors about Weymouth and Portland's wonderful natural environment."

by Harry Walton
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The focus of the weekend's activity was the newly opened Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre managed by Dorset Wildlife Trust, the RSPB's Wild Weymouth Discovery Centre and Portland Bill Tourist Information Centre.

There was environmental information and children's

activities at the Bill and a range of fun materials on display at the Chesil Beach Centre including a chance for children to try a fossil dig and a Jurassic Coast cabinet of curiosity.

Meanwhile at the Radipole Wild Weymouth Discovery Centre there were family activities including pond dipping, arts and crafts and birdwatching.

Gemma said: "Weymouth and Portland has so much to offer and it's fantastic to have a great team to be able to share their enthusiasm for the borough's wildlife and environment and get people connected with the wild side."



■ MICHELLE Williams at Radipole with a pebble painted like a ladybird

Weymouth weather watch

A MISERABLE start to the month paved the way for Weymouth's second wettest July since records began in 1880.

Weymouth weatherman Bob Poots said that the first eight days deluged the town with three times the rainfall normally expected for the entire month with twice the monthly average falling on just two days.

The wettest July recorded in Weymouth was in 1955 with 183.0 mm of rain with 1950 next on 136.6mm before 2012 took that position over with 140mm, nearly four times the average rainfall for the month. Rainfall for 2012 to date is 538.7 mm, 164.9 mm above the 30-year average.

Only 22 hours of sunshine were recorded in the same period and only 62 hours by halfway through the month, but it was all change then with the rain stopping and the sunshine returning for a very good end to the month, sunshine nearly reaching its July average.

The sun failed to shine on only 4 days during the month, but periods of bright sunshine during the first half of the month were very short leading to a poor month.

Fog was present on Wednesday 4th.

Winds during the month were around average, with the greatest gust of just 28 MPH recorded on Sunday 15th, but temperatures were largely below average.

The average maximum temperature was down 1.6 degrees Centigrade at 18.6 degrees, the average minimum was up 0.2C at 13.2C, the average mean temperature was 0.4C below average at 15.9C and the average sea temperature was 1.8C below average at 14.6C.

Lifeboats on constant stand-by

VOLUNTEER crews from Weymouth's RNLI lifeboat have been kept busy over the Olympic period.

Calls have ranged from missing divers, kayaks in trouble off St Albans Head and a call to a boat just outside Weymouth harbour with engine failure following a fire as well as a scallop boat in trouble off Portland Bill and a yacht taking on water.

The all-weather lifeboat Ernest & Mabel has been at sea whenever Olympic sailing has been going on, crewed with volunteers from around the country, all coming to help the local crew members to see that the lifeboats are immediately available 24 hours a day working in 12 hour shifts.

In addition to Weymouth's lifeboats the RNLI has been supplying the Olympics with three Atlantic 75 lifeboats with medical cover for the competitors and officials, each of the three lifeboats having a local crew member as helm with a medic ranging from first aider to doctor.

Volunteer press officer Ken Francis said: "The RNLI is proud to have been involved with ensuring that the sailing is as safe as it could be, not just for the Olympic sailors but for all who have been using our local waters."

Knitting up a warmer winter for older people

AGE UK Dorchester is calling on nimble-fingered knitters in Weymouth and Portland to whip out their wool and needles and create little woolly hats for Age UK and Innocent's Big Knit 2012.

Now in its ninth year, The Big Knit raises vital funds for local and national winter projects to help keep older people warmer in winter.

Knitters are being asked to knit little woolly hats which will adorn innocent smoothie bottles in Sainsbury's stores from November.

For each hatted smoothie sold, innocent will give 25p to Age UK's Spread the Warmth campaign, helping to fund national and local winter projects.

Age UK Dorchester has been tasked with knitting 4,398 hats by September 25th and needs budding milliners of all ages to help make this a reality.

Free patterns are available on Portland from The Wool Shop, Community 2000 and Island Community Action in Easton and at the Post Office in Fortuneswell.

The patterns are only a guide and people can be as creative as they like. Anyone finding the bobbles fiddly can leave them off or replace them with something else. Creations can be dropped off at any of the above locations before the September 25th deadline.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Olympics 2012: The verdict is in

WELL, the Games are over and a nation of new sport addicts is unable to come to terms with the fact that their television screens suddenly seem empty.

For Weymouth and Portland the Olympics started with a dead heat between Games bosses and the council who pointed at legacy and valuable future tourism for the area and scores of grim faced local businesses who pointed at near empty tills as spectator numbers initially proved to be something less than a personal best for the resort.

A frantic appeal for people to visit saw numbers rise sharply for the second week, but it came too late to save the giant Bayside festival which went into liquidation before the Games had even reached half way.

Numerous beach businesses have told me they fear following Bayside unless Olympic trappings are swiftly cleared away so sea-side customers can see where they are and give them a fighting chance to take enough money to make it through the winter.

SUCCESS

On the plus side, Weymouth and Portland really has made its mark with a global au-

dience via a mountain of media coverage on everything from the town's historic Georgian seafront to what socks Ben Ainslie wears.

Council staff coped with wave after wave of enthusiastic visitors to the beach sports arena where they could try cricket, rugby, football, table tennis and other activities on land with sailing, canoeing and windsurfing available on the waves.

The crush was so great that some days saw nearly 6,000 people - barely a thousand of them visiting politicians - pack out the venue prompting it to be extended.

The ICCI 360 dome and the Jurassic Airlines attractions excited everyone who tried them out, the Ambassadors did fantastic work helping visitors and the giant TV screens keep Live Site spectators up to date on how the Games were going.

Battle for the Winds was a genuine triumph of spectacular theatre and everywhere there was entertainment from buskers and fire jugglers to Punch and Judy, poetry, singing and a host of other acts and events across the borough which all helped to give Weymouth and Portland a unique atmos-

phere for the Olympic period.

The acid test will come next year when visitor numbers will be closely scrutinised to see if they match up to council predictions.

If they don't then certain leading lights will do well to be away on holiday when the figures come out.

'Let's all hope that Weymouth and Portland does benefit from the Games in the long run... but we'll all have to wait and see on that'

Despite official ostrich comments to the contrary there were some negative aspects and clearly those in authority got it wrong in the heavyweight manner they warned people of possible congestion and urged extreme care in planning their trip to Weymouth and Portland.

For once the public unfortunately took this at face value, believed them, and stayed away in droves until signs and transport

were changed, charges altered and a Herculean effort made to get the message across that everyone was having fun down here so come and join us.

Things did pick up but everywhere I went people told me the campaign to encourage more visitors to come to Weymouth and Portland shouldn't have been necessary in the first place if things had been done properly.

In fairness, hindsight is a wonderful thing and the authorities had to plan for an influx to avoid a situation where the system just couldn't cope.

By the same token, parts of Weymouth were reduced to ghost town status with shops reporting a 70 per cent drop in their takings compared with the same period last year.

INQUEST

Well nothing can be done to rectify mistakes now and only children stand a chance of seeing another Olympics in Weymouth and Portland.

That said, I personally think there will be a series of protracted and fiery inquests over the Games which I believe are unlikely to

see either camp change its arguments very much because there is too much at stake.

It will be a cold day in Hell before the Olympic authorities or the council holds their hand up and publicly admits they got any major part of the event wrong while opponents will never be convinced that large parts of the organisation here was anything other than a shambles.

But there is one thing both sides would do well to remember. Didn't our athletes do well!

The tension and excitement of Ben Ainslie's battle on the waters off Portland dominated local thoughts but, no matter where you went, there was always enthusiastic support for Team GB regardless of what sport was being watched or discussed.

That unity should set an example for months to come when Olympic event debates will inevitably be held since acrimony will achieve nothing.

Let's all hope that Weymouth and Portland does benefit from the Games in the long run but we'll all have to wait and see on that.

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Showcase for local farmers & food producers

NOW in its 165th year, Agriculture still remains the heart of the Show. It truly is a time when farmers can get together to compete for the top prizes and enjoy the banter between each other. Much like its original roots when it was a wager between two farmers on whose ploughman could plough the best. There is going to be hundreds of farm animals and horses on show competing for coveted titles at this year's Show.

The cattle entries are well up across all breeds particularly the minority rare breeds. The dairy class, brought back last year after 5 years absence due to foot and mouth, is also well subscribed. Hurdlebrook Farm are bringing along a few of their award winning Guernsey cows so visitors can

see and try their hand at milking and feeding the calves. The pig section has a dedicated new marquee, and as usual the sheep and goat classes are well supported. The Society is also very pleased to see a record number of young handlers entering into the competitions. Encouraging the younger generation to get involved with the Show is one of the priorities of this year's Society Chairman, Dan Newman.

All the horse, pony and donkey classes have attracted large numbers of entries. In particular, the Horse of the Year qualifiers, some of this is due to so many agricultural shows having to be cancelled or postponed earlier in the year as a result of the weather.

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Horticulture, Handicraft and Home Produce Marquees

THE horticulture, handicrafts and home produce competition classes have long been one of the highlights of the Show and this year is going to be no exception. At 10 am when the judging is done this is the place to go to find out how friends, relatives and locals have performed in the many junior and adult classes including vegetables, fruit, pot plants, flowers, flower arranging as well as cookery, preserves, wine, cider, handicraft, art, photography, etc.



Main ring

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THIS popular area of the Show showcases local crafts and offers a packed programme of activities to entertain and educate visitors. In an area where thatched houses are a feature the show welcomes two of Dorset's most traditional professionals - Master Thatchers, Edward 'Spike' Taylor and Zach Watts who will be demonstrating their craft and answering questions. West Dorset is also well-known for its woodcraft and there will be some wonderful work on display in the woodcraft marquee.

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IN the cookery theatre local chefs will be demonstrating some fantastic recipes using locally sourced produce. Lesley Waters, known for her TV appearances and her Cookery School at Halstock will kick off the demonstrations at 11 am. Followed by Helen Choudhury from the Taj Mahal, Stef Frigon and Simon Mazzei from the Olive Tree, Bridport, Karl Bashford from the Three HorseShoes, Powerstock and Caroline Parkins from Leakers Bakery.

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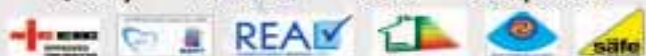
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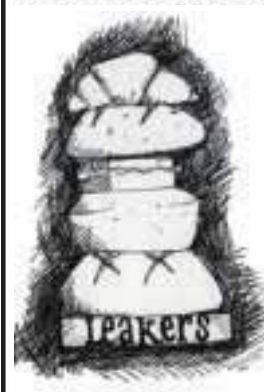
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Arr me hearties, the pirates are comin'!

WATCH out, Weymouth! Pirates are sailing into town on Monday, August 20th, on-board the 42-metre ketch, YWAM Next Wave, intent on hosting pirate parties for children and other activities as part of the Cultural Olympiad.

YWAM Next Wave will be berthed in Weymouth harbour until Monday, September 10th. The vessel acts as a floating base for training young people from all over the world, who work as crew as

well as taking part in courses. It is these young people who will help to coordinate and lead the activities in partnership with townsfolk from the local churches and community groups.

During its stay in Weymouth, YWAM Next Wave will host a variety of activities, including:

- an on-board youth drop-in centre on-board during specific days, including an 'acoustic cafe' featuring local groups;

- the hosting of youth groups and pirate parties for primary school kids;
- the hosting of multicultural outreach teams that will serve in the area during the Cultural Olympiad (including a beach festival over the bank holiday weekend) and Paralympics.

To find out more, check out www.ywamnextwave.org, contact the vessel at enquiries@ywamnextwave.org, or call 0753 4014636 (phone from 20 August onward).

YWAM Next Wave will be working alongside Churches Together in Weymouth and Portland (coordinated by Rev Anni Douglas - annidouglas@btopenworld.com or 0788 5022155), Refresh and YWAM's Forever team.

YWAM Next Wave (the vessel's official name) is owned by Youth With A Mission (YWAM), an international and interdenominational Christian charity (registered charity number 264078), which has already hosted many hundreds of young people for outreach into local communities in London, Weymouth and Portland, and the other



▲ The YWAM Next Wave

hosting cities during the Olympic Games.

The Next Wave is administered and maintained by Marine Reach Ministries, the maritime arm of YWAM. Marine Reach is a volunteer Christian organisation of professionals and dedicated in-

dividuals using waterborne vessels to demonstrate the hope and compassion of Jesus Christ to those in need around the world via oceans, seas, lakes and rivers.

The vessel's UK charity registration is 1148055.

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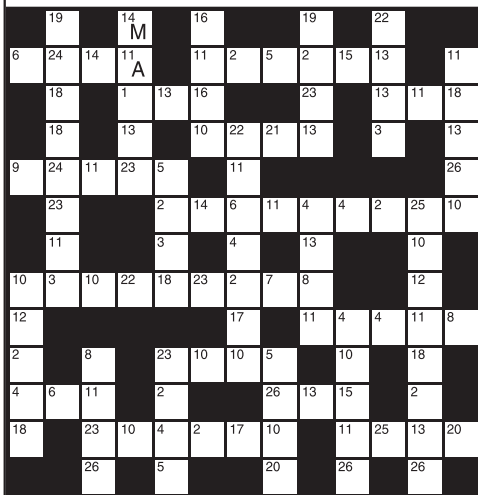


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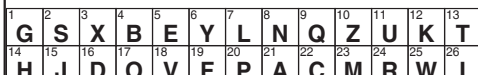
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. A young animal gets a developing insect (4)
3. Striking taste with mixed gin (8)
9. The sort of officer who joins up? (7)
10. A pie's turned brown! (5)
11. Describing one with the understanding of the Devil? (6-6)
13. Broken tea-set - is that all a man leaves? (6)
15. Assumed by one who wishes to be in good physical shape (6)
17. Not a monk who practises at the bar! (7-2-3)
20. A plot to destroy a famous Greek (5)
21.and ruin the arts (7)
22. Threatening evil on the left (8)
23. The four corners of the earth will provide information (4)

Down

1. Recommended methods of administration provided by insurance companies (8)
2. In Barcelona I played the instrument backwards! (5)
4. Times when nocturnal insects may be seen round the north (6)
5. The moon's optical illusion is world-wide! (12)
6. I say I am a journalist to create an affect (7)
7. May get engaged in the automobile (4)
8. Descriptive of one who makes a show? (12)
12. They wait at sea (8)
14. Region with particular characteristics in the winter rainfall (7)
16. Tenant has to look after Leslie (6)
18. The turning-point for many engineering enterprises (5)
19. Not down like a tree (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Replete (4)
3. Hose (8)
9. Last longer than (7)
10. New and strange (5)
11. Defeat (12)
13. Set as a task (6)
15. Most certain (6)
17. Disgraceful (12)
20. Smallest (5)
21. Fragrant (7)
22. Cajoles (8)
23. Cast off (4)

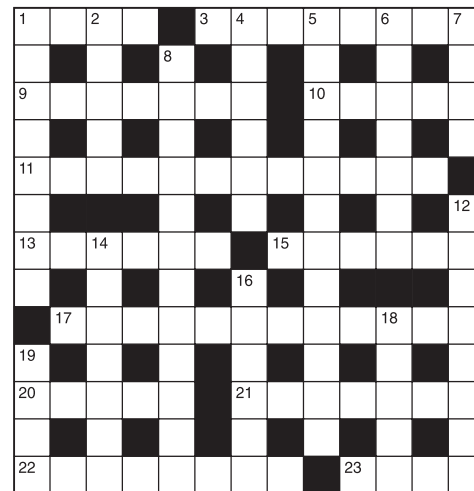
Down

1. Strongly illuminated (8)
2. Type of water-lily (5)
4. Frugality (6)
5. Building (12)
6. Upside down (7)
7. Dupe (4)
8. Shown (12)
12. Bearing accent (8)
14. Confidential (7)
16. Resist (6)
18. Polling-place (5)
19. Knock (4)



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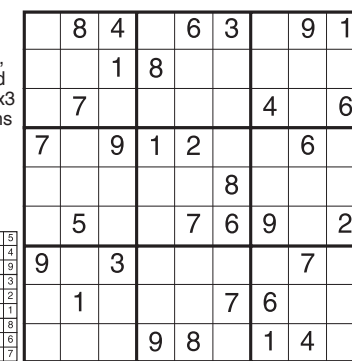
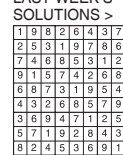
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Puts all; 7 Scrap; 9 Scrip; 10 Calling; 12 In one basket; 14 Submariners; 18 Panache; 19 Acute; 21 Alter; 22 His eggs. Down: 1 Quick; 2 Assign; 3 Old; 4 Scales; 5 Painter; 8 Carbine; 11 Anarchy; 13 Curable; 15 Moaned; 16 Racket; 17 Stage; 20 Hit. QUICK - Across: 6 Stretch; 7 Snack; 9 Utter; 10 Matures; 12 Stockholder; 14 Made to order; 18 Callous; 19 Askew; 21 Joust; 22 Forgive. Down: 1 State; 2 Desert; 3 Icy; 4 Annual; 5 Schemer; 8 Gathers; 11 Octopus; 13 Matador; 15 Enlist; 16 Ensign; 17 Leave; 20 Rod.

Sudoku

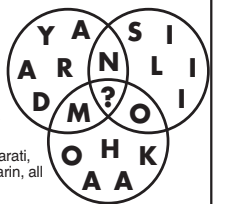
Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is A. Gujarati, Punjabi, Mandarin, all languages.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 17TH

BROADMAYNE: Market at St Martin's Community Hall from 2-3.30pm. Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, Local Sausages, Lamb & eggs, Local watercress, Local fruit and Vegetables, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH

DORCHESTER: Archaeology Walk - Long Barrow Farm. For more details email tripp.chris60@gmail.com, call 0776 869 5162 or visit <http://xcavate.blogspot.com>

SUNDAY AUGUST 19TH

LYME REGIS: Organ recital in St Michael's Parish Church, Lyme Regis from 3.30pm: Alex Binns, prizewinning organ student, Royal Academy of Music - a rising UK star. Retiring collection, cream tea available. Tel 01297 445709.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH

MAIDEN NEWTON: Maiden Newton Art Group Members 2nd Exhibition meeting at 2pm. At Maiden Newton Village Hall.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

MAIDEN NEWTON: Maiden Newton Art Group Workshop. Acrylics on Canvas with Josephine Hamilton. 10.30am to 4pm.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13TH

DORCHESTER: Dorchester and District Action Group Bible Society Autumn Coffee Morning and Sale. 9.45am to 11.45am. At the United Church Hall, South Street.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14TH

DORCHESTER: Dorchester and District Action Group Bible Society United Service for Bible Sunday. 6.30pm at St Peter's Church.

Email your Diary Dates to
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Deadline midday Monday

West Dorset venues to launch reciprocal benefits scheme

Dorchester Arts, Bridport Arts Centre and Lyme Regis' Marine Theatre join forces

THREE West Dorset arts venues have got together to share their membership benefits more widely. From September onwards members and friends of Dorchester Arts, The Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis and Bridport Arts Centre will be able to take advantage of members' discounts at the other two venues. All the venues offer special discounted rates to members on tickets for their performances and events, and the Marine Theatre offers members a 10% discount on drinks prices in their newly-refurbished bar.

Mark Tattersall, Artistic Director at Dorchester Arts said: "We value our members enormously and know that our partner venues in West Dorset feel the same. We hope this scheme will encourage existing members to visit partner venues more often and attract other arts lovers to join their local venue now that the benefits are so generous and far-reaching"

Individual annual memberships are modestly priced, with joint and family options also available.

Director of Bridport Arts Centre Polly Gifford said "Working more closely with our partner venues has been very positive for the organisations and now we can offer direct benefits to members too, which is fantastic."

The scheme is part of a wider collaborative effort between the three venues, which also includes bringing touring performers to two or three venues on consecutive dates, as well as sharing ideas, innovations and information.

Helena is next name at 115 Club

WHAT a perfect evening, Maggie Reeday & Philip Clouds. 115 Club, Bridport's dedicated music and dinner venue last week enjoyed the soulful voice of Maggie Reeday accompanied by the fabulous piano playing of Philip Clouds. Everyone in attendance had a fabulous evening and magnificent entertainment from the duo.

On Thursday, August 16th the 115 Club will again host an evening of magical music and dinner. The artist Helena will be strumming gentle guitar and performing beautiful vocals to accompany.

From Main Stage Glastonbury to TV presenter, from intimate concerts to her chart success with Billy Bragg, Helena Softley has moved audiences all over the world with her incredible voice, accomplished guitar, and energetic performances.

A singer songwriter with a voice that is rich, powerful, deep and mellow, she is passionate and energetic onstage and engages you with her tongue in cheek audience control. She is not only bubbly

and cheeky, but supremely professional in every aspect of her work.

Helena sings every song as if it was just for you, and she is also an accomplished guitarist - never afraid to play hard-driving rhythms, beautiful ballads, or soulful melodies.

Expect a lively, passionate and entertaining night of blues, rock, folk, jazz and country.

Pre-booking for dinner between 7:00 and 8:00 pm is essential and guests should telephone on the day (between 2:00 and 6:00pm) to confirm numbers in their party. At which time they will be informed of the cover charge - anticipated at between £5 and £10 per guest. Unfortunately late-comers cannot be accommodated as dining must be completed before the music starts at about 9:00pm.

For more information check out www.115club.com or www.facebook.com/115club

NOTHE FORT VICTORIAN FAYRE

August 18th and 19th 2012

THE Nothe Fort is preparing for some big bangs to mark their traditional Victorian Fayre. The Fort Artillery will be firing both cannons, as well as demonstrating their bugle and drumming skills.

There will be Victorian face painting and many more traditional side shows and stalls including Hoopla, Coconut Shy and Stocks and crafts of by-gone times. The Victorian School Room will be open for you to try your hand at adding up "old" money and writing with an ink pen. There will also be a Victorian Treasure Hunt (Find the clues around the Fort) with a prize every time.

Come dressed in the clothes of the past and enter into the Victorian Spirit with fancy dress competitions for the 2-6years, 7-10years and the best dressed Victorian family. There's prizes for all.

New this year is two full days of arena events. From Clog and junior Morris dancers to a magician - its all on the stage. One of the highlights of last year's fayre was the Maypole and this will be set up again, so come and join in the dancing and fun.

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Daily: 13.10
Ice Age: Continental Drift U
Fri-Tue: 14.00
Step Up 4 PG
Daily: 12.45, 15.20
The Bourne Legacy 12A
Daily: 16.40, 19.40 (Excluding Sun 19.40)
The Expendables 2 15
Daily: 15.35, 18.05, 20.35
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The Three Stooges PG
Wed & Thu: 14.00
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20.00, 21.00
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Dog Days U
Daily: 11.00, 13.20, 15.40
Dr Seuss: The Lorax in 2D U
Daily: 11.10am
Ice Age: Continental Drift in 2D U
Fri, Sun-Thur: 11.15am
The Three Stooges PG
Wed & Thu: 11.20, 13.40
Top Cat: The Movie in 2D U
Sat: 10.10am
Mirror Mirror PG
Sat: 10.00am
Alvin and The Chipmunks:
Chipwrecked U Sat: 10.20am

View 2 Cinema

This week's big screen releases

Brave PG
DETERMINED to make her own path in life, Princess Merida defies a custom that brings chaos to her kingdom. Granted one wish, Merida must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse.
Animated adventure from Walt Disney and Pixar, with voices from Kelly Macdonald, Billy Connolly, Emma Thompson and Robbie Coltrane.



The Three Stooges PG
WHILE trying to save their childhood orphanage, Moe (Chris Diamontopolous), Larry (Sean Hayes), and Curly (Will Sasso) inadvertently stumble into a murder plot and wind up starring in a reality TV show.
Comedy also starring Jane Lynch, Sofia Vergara and Jennifer Hudson.



Take This Waltz 15
A HAPPILY married woman falls for the artist who lives across the street.
Comedy drama starring Michelle Williams, Seth Rogen and Sarah Silverman.



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Win a pair of tickets to the National Home Improvement Show



THE UK's leading event for home improvers, The National Home Improvement Show, is returning for its fourth consecutive year to a new home, Olympia, London from September 28th-30th 2012.

Aimed at the serious home improver, the show brings visitors an unrivalled selection of ideas, inspiration and expert advice to help them take the next step with their home improvement project. The show has grown significantly and boasts a number of brand new features, including free interior design classes at The Design School, one to one advice at the Renewable Energy Advice Clinic and real life case studies at The Inspirational Interactive Café. There are hundreds of exhibitors and experts for you to meet and thousands of innovative products for you to see – all packed into three days under the one roof!

Oliver Heath, star of BBC's changing Rooms' specialises in

environmentally sustainable architecture and eco interiors and will be joining the celebrated line up of experts this year. He brings his years of experience to the show to provide new inspiration for visitors and to help solve people's design dilemmas.

For the first time, The National Home Improvement Show has teamed up with Susan Llewellyn, founder of The Susan Llewellyn Academy of Interior Design to bring you The Design School, which is also sponsored by Muralto furniture. This area will offer a packed programme of insightful seminars and workshops on how to create your perfect home. The Design School is supported by a dedicated Interiors Village that brings together products and services to provide those important finishing touches which will complete your project and provide that wow factor.

With increasing consumer interest in renewable energies such as heat pumps, water harvesting and solar energy, this year, the show has a dedicated feature - The Renewable Energy Advice Clinic. Visitors can talk to specialist exhibitors, obtain advice from the experts and see hundreds of products first hand.

The Inspirational Interactive Café is a new hands-on feature offering specialist top tips and real life case studies from award winning homes, easily accessible via touch screens. Hear first hand from successful renovators about their experiences,

discover fantastic home designs and understand extension, conversion or home improvement process.

Due to popular demand, returning features to the show this year include the Smart Advice Clinic sponsored by CEDIA, the Kitchen and Bathroom Inspiration Zone brought to you by Kitchen Bedroom & Bathroom magazine, The Gardening and Landscaping Zone sponsored by Alec White Garden Design, live demonstrations of traditional lime plastering presented by Mike Wye & Associates, Tricks of the Trade by resident DIY Doctor, Real Homes Live Advice Centre and the Masterclass Theatre.

For the first time, the National Home Improvement show has teamed up with Centrepoin, the charity that provides emergency accommodation, support, information and training for homeless young people. For every ticket purchased the National Home Improvement Show will donate £1 to Centrepoin.

For more information on the show, exhibitors, seminar schedules and tickets visit www.improveyourhomeshow.co.uk or call the ticket hotline on 0844 581 0802. Tickets are £8 if booked in advance and £12 on door.

◆ To win one of 50 pairs of tickets, just answer the following question:

Which star of BBC's Changing Rooms will be joining the experts this year?

Send your answers on a postcard to NHIS Competition, View from Newspapers, Unit 3, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3DB by Friday, September 7th.

Winners picked at random, editors decision is final.



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The boys are back and they're on a mission

IN 1980 Joliet Jake Blues was released from prison after serving a three year prison term for armed robbery. Immediately he and his brother Jake embarked on a mission to put the old Blues Brothers

band back together. Everyone remembers that explosive performance at The Palace Hotel Ballroom where a sellout, congenial crowd was joined by hostile police officers and rival band 'The Good Ol' Boys'. Jake and Elwood were sensational, but sadly their days of freedom were numbered. The Justice Department eventually caught up with them, throwing them in jail for a multitude of 'minor' misdemeanours.

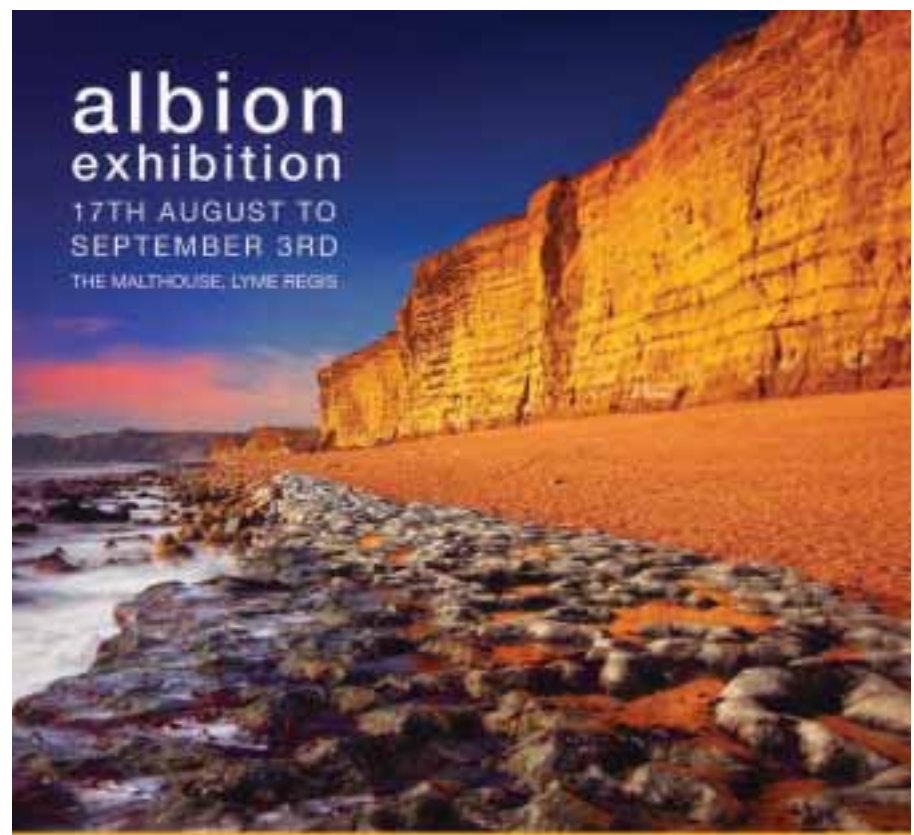
Today, Blues Brothers U.K., featuring the talents of award winning actors Dave Ratty and Iain Barton (Jerry Lee Lewis Story, Seance, Talbot House) as Jake and Elwood Blues, is on a mission to bring the best loved songs from The Blues Brothers' repertoire to theatres across the country. Supported by the mighty voices of The BeeVees and a fabulous 6 piece blues and soul band, they reignite those old favourites from both Blues Brothers' films and concerts including of course 'Shake a Tailfeather', 'Sweet Home Chicago', 'Everybody Needs Somebody', 'Gimme Some Lovin'', 'Peter Gunn' and 'Soul Man'.

Those that are already fans will love the authenticity, those that are Blues Brothers virgins will be in for an experience that will blow their mind. So don your shades and fedora... and join the mission!

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This has been a great year for flag waving (with the Queens Jubilee too), something we don't do much of in this country and it has been pleasant for a change to see the Union Jack displayed so much. It has been hard for many businesses though and the housing market has suffered again with a further decrease in activity in our area. So what now for the nation? Can we ride on the crest of this wave and begin to turn this country around by being more positive? We all know about the financial situation and the crisis in Europe and I am not suggesting that these

matters will just go away if we ignore them but how about just more good news instead of all the bad? Are we really that badly off if we take a serious look at ourselves?

The big players in the media should realise by now the power they have to influence the nation and use it for the good and maybe, just maybe, we would come out of this recession sooner than predicted. In the meantime, we can all do our own little bit to promote positivity as much as possible and keep the feel good factor rolling. We have seen the best of British over the past fortnight and have become a proud nation once again. Our hospitality has been praised and we have shown that we are welcoming and helpful when it matters – let's keep this up! It's good for our souls.

So how is this related to the housing market? From what I see and hear, people are reluctant to commit to a purchase even if they can because they are not confident they are doing the right thing. In some

ways, we have too much information at our fingertips. Sometimes, people should just do what suits them and their circumstances without worrying about whether the market is still going up or down. Statistics can prove both. If you are planning on staying in a house for 5 years or more, market changes won't really be an issue.

The other problem is that because most people are now looking for a long term home, they think that need to tick all their boxes but this is rarely possible, so compromise will almost certainly be necessary. Houses can be adapted so if it's in the right place, why not just go for it? There are lots of good properties to choose from right now and you can get a good deal – in another year this might not be possible, so why wait? In my opinion, this is great time to buy! See our website www.gordonanddrumsby.co.uk for some great properties.

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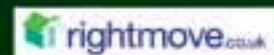
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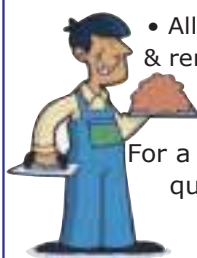
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Three wins for Hyundai design in automotive brand contest

HYUNDAI has received three awards at the second edition of the Automotive Brand Contest, organised by the German Design Council. The New Generation i30 won 'Best Interior' and 'Best Exterior', while the 'Best Concept' title was awarded to the i-oniq show car.

Both models were designed in Rüsselsheim, Germany, by the European team based at the Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Centre.

The two victories for New Generation i30 demonstrate Hyundai's commitment to designing products that appeal to European consumers. The car's exterior styling advances the brand's fluidic sculpture philosophy, creating a sense of constant motion, even when stationary, and conveying

a confident attitude through dynamic proportions. The interior represents a significant step forward from the original i30, closely matching the exterior for visual impact and introducing higher quality materials to the cabin.

The Hyundai i-oniq made its debut at the 2012 Geneva Motor Show, showcasing new technology and design which present an impression of the company's future thinking. Also known by its code-name, HED-8, the i-oniq is characterised by gentle feature lines and muscular surface treatment, conveying premium quality evident in both the exterior and interior of the car, and a futuristic interior design which combines a driver-orientated cabin layout and high levels of passenger comfort.

Senior Vice President and COO of Hyundai Motor Europe, Allan Rushforth, commented, "Recognition from the German Design Council is further evidence of the transformation in Hyundai design in recent years. Styling influenced by fluidic sculpture has added emotional appeal to our products that still

retain the rational characteristics that have long underpinned our brand's success. New Generation i30 is the best example yet of our focus on conceiving vehicles that match the aspirations of European consumers, as part of our product localisation strategy."

In the 2011 contest, Hyundai was awarded

'Best Exterior' for the i40 wagon – another model designed in Europe and aimed squarely at European buyers.

The winners of the Automotive Brand Contest are selected by an independent panel of experts. The jury consists of automotive designers, journalists, academics and CEOs.



▲ Hyundai i30

Record July registrations performance by Mercedes-Benz UK

MERCEDES-BENZ UK has continued the positive momentum established through the record-breaking sales recorded in the first six-months of the year. An 11.3 per cent rise in the month of July was achieved, according to figures released today by the SMMT.

Among the highlights was a 43.6 per cent rise recorded in July for the C-Class Saloon, placing it in first place within its hard-fought competitor set. The new, 13MY C-Class range was placed ninth overall in the UK registrations for July, according to the SMMT report, recording strong results in both the private and fleet markets.

The CLS and S-Class each lead their respective markets, recording a 44.4 per cent and 39.3 per cent segment share for July.

The AMG high performance division continues its impressive start to the year, led by the C 63 AMG Saloon and the C 63 AMG Coupé. A 140.8 per cent rise in sales for AMG in July contributed to an overall 149.3 per cent rise for the year to date.

Commercial vehicles

Registrations of Mercedes-Benz vans increased by 6.7 per cent in July to record a total of 1,649 vehicles, accounting for a 15.7 per cent rise for the year to date.

The New Actros truck recorded a 67.5 per cent rise in July, contributing to a 63.4 per cent rise over the course of the year.

Marcus Breitschwerdt, President and CEO Mercedes-Benz UK, said: "In what remains a highly competitive market, Mercedes-Benz achieved record figures, performing beyond expectations. Key vehicles such as the C-Class and S-Class lead their segments, whilst our vans and trucks have each recorded double digit rises in a market that is down overall.

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David Williams MBE,

CEO of GEM Motoring Assist, comments: "Keeping an appropriate pair of shoes in the car at all times for driving is imperative, particularly during the summer months when motorists will regularly wear flip flops out and about. Any kind of distraction caused by the wrong shoes can easily

cause a lapse in concentration, leading to a dangerous situation on the road.

"While there are no laws preventing drivers from wearing unsuitable footwear, we urge motorists to be prudent and do the right thing. Flip flops offer no support around the heel of your foot and can be difficult to keep on, making them unsafe to wear when driving. It is also wise, should you find yourself in a breakdown situation, to have a comfortable and sturdy pair of shoes in case you need to walk to the nearest motorway emergency phone to call for help," David concludes.

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Toyota sets the style for summer with new yaris edition and trend

TOYOTA brings a bit of welcome styling sizzle to Britain's bleak summer with the timely introduction of the new Yaris Edition and Yaris Trend. Adding a healthy dose of visual pizzazz to Yaris's sharp appearance, both come with blacked-out C-pillars which, combining with darkened rear privacy glass and contrasting with Tyrol Silver or Cirrus White paintwork, create a floating roof effect.

Yaris Edition takes the entry-level T2 grade and adds a series of sporty features, including 15-inch Podium anthracite (smoke-finished), machined alloy wheels, front fog lamps, rear privacy glass, a dash of extra chrome exterior rear trim, a tachometer and a leather-trimmed gear knob. Manual air conditioning can be specified as an option.

Edition is powered by Toyota's award-winning 1.0-litre VVT-i petrol en-

gine, with five-speed manual transmission. Three and five-door versions are offered, from £11,695.

Yaris Trend takes the sports-themed Yaris SR as its starting point,

adding the new Podium alloys in 16-inch form and a chrome tailpipe trim. The Toyota Touch & Go multimedia system with satellite navigation can be specified as an option.

Power is from the 1.33-litre VVT-i petrol unit, with a choice of six-speed manual or, in the five-door version, Toyota's Multidrive S CVT automatic. On-the-road prices start at £13,795.



▲ Toyota sets the style for summer



Jaguar Land Rover pushing the boundaries of engineering

JAGUAR Land Rover is the largest investor in automotive green technology and innovation in the UK. Today, the company told audiences at the British Business Embassy's Advanced Engineering, Automotive and Aerospace Summit of its work to push the boundaries of research into the electrification of premium vehicles and the significant investment opportunities that this technology can create in the UK.

On display outside Lancaster House was the latest example of Jaguar Land Rover's hybrid engineering research - the Jaguar XJ_e. The vehicle demonstrates how an advanced parallel plug-in hybrid can deliver reductions of CO2 emissions of more than 70 per cent, without compromising the vehicle's performance.

It is the latest project as part of Jaguar Land Rover's strategy to develop best in class low carbon premium product and follows other successful hybrid demonstrators such as Limo Green and Range_e vehicles.

Part funded by the UK Government's Technology Strategy Board through the REEvolution project, the XJ_e has been engineered in partnership with leading UK technology

companies to help develop expertise for ultra-low carbon vehicles within the country's supply chain.

Peter Richings, Director, Hybrids and Electrification at Jaguar Land Rover explains: "Working in collaboration with other major vehicle manufacturers, Jaguar Land Rover has helped to lay the foundations to create a robust and globally competitive UK supply base to support the development of future green technologies, as well as deliver three ground-breaking new demonstrator concepts."

"With 240 engineers, we have the largest electric and hybrid engineering team in the UK and we believe that our work in this area, combined with the support of the TSB, will continue to drive forward innovation in green technologies."

The Global Business Summit on Advanced Engineering, Automotive and Aerospace is part of the British Business Embassy programme at Lancaster House held during the London 2012 Games. The series of business summits organised by UK Trade & Investment represents the most ambitious set of trade and investment events ever held in the UK.



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New Mazda3 and Mazda5 venture edition models on sale now

TO offer British motorists even greater style and value this summer Mazda is introducing four special versions of its popular Mazda3 and Mazda5 – the 'Venture Edition' models, priced from £17,495 (OTR).

On sale now, the new Venture Edition quartet features generous levels of specification including: front fog lights, gun metal alloy wheels, sports front grille, side skirts and rear spoiler and privacy glass. Inside, there is Sanyo Tom-Tom navigation with 5.8-inch touch-screen display and integrated Bluetooth®, plus climate control air-conditioning and cruise control.

"The arrival of the new Mazda3 and Mazda5 Venture Edition models, with their unique combination of advanced technology, sports styling, a premium interior and great added value, will attract new consumers to our showrooms," comments Peter Allibon, Sales Director, Mazda UK.

"Both the Mazda3 and Mazda5 feature attractive styling and deliver a dynamic and engaging drive, with strongly performing petrol and diesel engines, plus finely tuned suspension and steering, and a top quality spacious and practical interior. With competitive fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, together with reduced running costs and Mazda's outstanding Japanese-style build quality and legendary reliability, the Venture Edition models make great ownership prospects," adds Allibon.

Based on the Mazda3 TS2, the Venture Edition also gains heated front seats and sports interior – for a modest total premium of £500 above the donor-car. The Mazda5 Venture Edition is based on the Mazda5 TS2 and benefits from sports styling, a piano-black centre console and iPod® connectivity. Premium above the donor-car is £630.

Customers buying a Venture Edition model have a choice of responsive and powerful engines. The Mazda3 is available with a 1.6-litre MZR (105ps) petrol engine at £17,495 or a 1.6-litre (115ps) diesel priced at £18,995. The Mazda5 comes with a 2.0-litre (150ps) MZR petrol engine for £19,995 or a 1.6-litre (115ps) diesel costing £21,290.

Depending on model, fuel economy can be as high as 65.7mpg (combined cycle) and CO2 emissions as low as 115 g/km – for diesel Mazda3.

Specifications across the Mazda range are extremely generous and standard equipment for the Mazda3 and Mazda5 Venture Edition models includes: front, side and curtain airbags, Dynamic Stability Control, Traction Control System, Cruise control, remote central locking and dead locks. The cabin's feature driver's seat height adjustment, leather steering wheel with audio controls, CD radio with iPod® connectivity, six audio speakers and a Thatcham Category

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With its unusually long wheelbase (2,750mm) and sliding rear doors, the Mazda5 Venture Edition makes an ideal family car with seating for up to seven. It is an immensely capable load carrier, with Mazda's unique Karakuri cabin versatility, third row seats which split 50/50 and fold flat to the floor, and a cargo volume of 857 litres when loaded to the belt line and 1,485 litres loaded to the roof.

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INSIDE EDGE - DORSET CRICKET ROUND-UP

Duo look to bounce back in derby

BRIDPORT 2nd's have withdrawn from the Dorset Funeral Plan Saturday Cricket League Division Five North & West with just a month to go.

The news was relayed to **VIEW SPORT** in an e-mail from Paul Edwards, the club's chair and secretary on Friday who said they were withdrawing with immediate effect.

The team, who have been hampered by player availability all season, got off to a poor start but it appeared they had turned things around with two wins in late May and early June.

But a succession of defeats, including conceding a game because they could not raise a team, saw them drop towards the relegation area two weeks ago when they could only muster eight players in an eight wicket defeat at Bradford Abbas.

Dorset Funeral Plan League Premier League**DORCHESTER 169-7 LOST****TO PARLEY 206 ALL OUT BY 37 RUNS.**

THE return of all rounder Phil Morley could not prevent Dorchester suffering their seventh defeat of the season when they went down by 37 runs to new league leaders Parley.

With Parley coasting at 181-4, his four wickets for just 12 runs from 4.3 overs looked to have given Dorchester a chance of a second consecutive victory as the visitors collapsed to 206 all out.

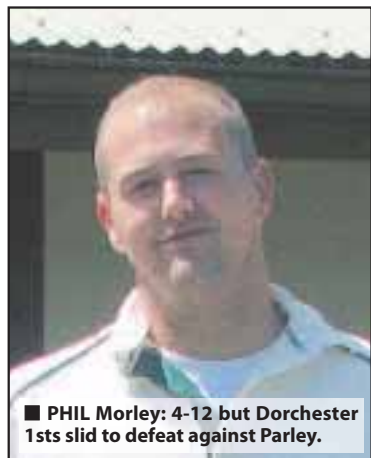
But it was all in vain as Parley's bowlers kept a tight line in and although he was unbeaten on 14 not out it was not enough.

Collins (22) and M Morley (28) gave Parley a solid start with an opening stand of 61. With all top six batsmen getting good starts headed by Gunn with 45 they soon found themselves in a fairly comfortable position at 181-4, despite some accurate spells from Dan Belt (1-30) and Will Caldwell (2-34). The introduction of Morley however provided Dorchester with a reasonable target.

They began their reply in better style with Ian Sibley (27) and Pete Moxon (31) putting them in a good position, scoring 65 for the first wicket.

However the loss of both, Will Caldwell (17) who was run out, and Belt (15), saw them slump to 105-4 as first change bowlers Thomson (1-18) and M Morley (1-19 from 8 overs) put the brakes on.

Despite runs from Sam Goodhew (29) and a late burst from skipper Martyn Richards (22) it



■ PHIL Morley: 4-12 but Dorchester 1sts slid to defeat against Parley.

was too little too late, and Dorchester must go into next week's local derby with Weymouth at the Rec looking for a win to boost their confidence.

WEYMOUTH 183 ALL OUT**LOST TO WINTON 244-8 BY 61 RUNS**

WHAT a difference a week makes! Having beaten table toppers Wimborne & Colehill the previous week, Weymouth might have expected some easy points when bottom club Winton visited Redlands on Saturday, particularly as they were a player short.

Things looked to be on track following an opening half-century stand between J May (30)

and C Archer (16) as Dave Trotter (2-29) and Laurie Whyte (2-28) from their ten over stints reduced the visitors to 94-6.

But the arrival of Dan Baguley at the wicket changed the game.

He smashed the Weymouth bowlers all over the field as he scored 100 off just 104 balls, which included seven 4s and six 6s in partnerships of 46 with S Wynn (18) and 73 with D Walker (21 not out).

Weymouth lost Hayden White (4) early on but Jim Ryall (49) batted solidly, but the Seaside's lost wickets at regular intervals particularly to the bowling of May (4-15), with only Kieron Womble (33) and Tom England (29) showing any real resistance as they fell 37 runs short of their target.

Division Two**CHRISTCHURCH 84-2 BEAT DORCHESTER 2ND 83 ALL****OUT BY EIGHT WICKETS**

DORCHESTER 2nds were well beaten by fellow strugglers Christchurch and now fall into the relegation zone.

WITCHAMPTON 131 ALL OUT**LOST TO MARTINSTOWN 138 ALL OUT BY 7 RUNS**

THIS was an important win for Martinstown for with both Shillingstone and Cranborne losing, it gives them an outside chance of promotion following some indifferent results recently.

Shillingstone won the toss and invited their visitors to bat on a green but hard wicket. Runs were at a premium with M Hayter (3-43) and particularly A Croker (1-9 off 12 overs) restricting Martinstown to two runs an over in the opening 25 overs.

The introduction of Ian Broom (5-32 off 10 overs) proved even more difficult, but Ryan Chase (22) and Stu Fry (42 not out) pulled the innings around for Martinstown as they eventually realised 138 all out.

Fry (5-35) and Matt Camp (2-23) soon reduced the opposition to 24-4, but this brought Broom to the wicket and he started to turn things around as he smashed eight fours in his innings of 46.

A half-century stand with S Hibberd (17) saw three figures on the scoreboard but the loss of both, Broom to Sam Kershaw (3-38) saw them 107-8. A late flurry from Ian Kelly (9) and M Hayter (10 not out) proved an exciting finish.

Captain Danny Dancer said: "We lost the toss on a green but hard wicket, where neither captain really knew what was best to do first.

"We struggled throughout our innings, scoring at two an over for the first 25 or so and losing wickets at regular intervals. Ryan Chase batted well but was caught trying to improve the run rate, but it was man of the match Stuart Fry who gave us something to try and defend.

"Our bowler's started well; Matt Camp bowling with control and Stu Fry with pace and aggression, Matt Camp got one of their openers caught behind before Stu took three wickets in one over to leave them at 24-4.

"We were a little bit light on our regular bowling attack so I used the spin of Sam Kershaw, who bowled very well picking up three wickets in an important spell.

"They kept scoring and got ever closer to our total, before Matt Camp found the number 11's edge and I managed to hold the catch at slip for a great seven run victory.

"This had the feel of a mid-table match to start with, but it soon became competitive. We didn't do ourselves justice with the bat, but it was hard to know what was a good score on that wicket. However we bowled and fielded very well, particularly Stu Fry who bowled with control and attacked the stumps.

"It was a very good win, and although I conceded that promotion was not possible last week, the door has just slightly swung back open with Shillingstone and Cranborne losing. We will try and win our last three games and see if other results go our way."

WIMBORNE & COLEHILL 2ND 150-3 BEAT WEYMOUTH 2ND 149-9 BY SEVEN WICKETS

THIS looks like a conclusive defeat for Weymouth 2nd's but skipper Michael Pearce felt that the actual result did not do justice to how they played.

"Whilst we were 20 short with the bat, we were very unlucky with the ball, beating the bat, having balls loop into the air into gaps, on another day it could easily have been a case of finding edges, and bowling a side out for under the target.

"But it wasn't to be, so it's just a case of enjoying the last three games and trying to finish on a high and looking forward to next season in the lower league where most of the younger lads will have gained some experience."

Weymouth's top order all batted solidly with Ryan Monk (16) and Pete Gordon (38) putting on 38 for the first wicket, with Jonny Armfield (18) and Andy Jarvis (43) taking the score over three figures.

However Chris Dunk (4-15) cleared out the lower order with only Harry Tucker (14) adding significant runs in a total of 149 all out.

K Hall (53) and D Jones (27) put on a half century for the first wicket before Graham Puckett (1-33) bowled the latter to give Weymouth hope.

But 40 from M Stratten helped league leaders Wimborne & Colehill towards their target, falling to Jarvis (1-23) four short of victory. Ryan Sers (1-39) took the other wicket to fall.

Division Three**CERNE VALLEY 162-9 LOST****TO CATTISTOCK 163-7 BY THREE WICKETS**

CATTISTOCK dented Cerne Valley's promotion hopes with this win that also virtually insures them a top half finish.

Having stumbled against the lower sides in recent weeks, they won with three wickets and eight balls to spare.

Cerne won the toss and decided to bat but were soon in trouble and after 14 overs were 34-3. Things didn't improve as captain Ben Golledge (3-34), Buddy Langford 2-27 off 12 overs) and Martin Langford (2-48) destroyed the hosts middle order as they slumped to 85-7.

However a defiant 46 not out from Andy Mercer and 33 from Simon Green saw them eventually reach 162-9 in their allotted overs.

Cattistock changed their order around to try and improve their batting and it paid dividends with Buddy Langford (20) and Golledge (26) bringing stability and an opening partnership of 62.

They were supported by Billy Walbridge (33 not out), Michael Oliver (20) and Steve Tucker (19) as they reached their goal with eight balls to spare despite some good bowling from Green (3-26) and Dave Portch (2-27).

Division Five North & West**DORCHESTER 3RD 143 ALL OUT****LOST TO CERNE VALLEY 2ND 144-0 BY TEN WICKETS**

DORCHESTER were soundly beaten by 10 wickets to give Cerne Valley a comfortable victory and complete the double over their local rivals, and in turn record their second win of the season.

Dorchester, fielding eight players under the age of 14, won the toss and got off to a terrible start, losing three wickets with only 17 runs.

Miller was bowled by Tim Best off his pads third ball and then the impressive seam bowling of Luke Raines accounted for Sam Roles (7) and Nick Voss (0) both bowled.

Luke Voss and Matt Stevens added 30 valuable runs before Stevens (8) was run out with the score on 47-4. When Louise Parkin and Dan Allen were dismissed by Sam Roper, Dorchester had slumped to 52-6.

Luke Voss and 13-year-old Alex Horne batted solidly and the former farmed the strike to add 32 runs before Horne top edged a pull shot to James Taylor.

Voss' hour and three quarter stay at the crease came to an end when he was bowled by Craig Kellaway for an invaluable 43; his trade mark cover drive bringing him six boundaries.

The Dorchester innings looked like it was drawing to a close with the score on 84-8 but two 13-year-olds Tom Blair (8) and Dan Stevens (4) together with their skipper Pete Tucker (38) batted brilliantly and added 59 more runs, and included a pavilion cheered six from captain Pete Tucker off opposing skipper and friend Craig Kellaway.

The Dorchester innings finished on 143 when



■ LUKE Voss: a six-boundary 43 but Dorchester 3rds lost by 10 wickets.

Tucker nicked a catch to Downey off Roper who finished with fine figures of 3-31.

Cerne Valley openers Ollie Downey (72) and James Downey (63) played beautifully but found the opening spell from Nick Voss difficult; playing and missing to some great seam bowling.

But the young Dorchester bowling attack could not penetrate some quality batting and Cerne eased to victory in the 23rd over to complete a comprehensive victory.

Captain Pete Tucker said "I was so proud of how the very young side batted against a very strong Cerne team.

"Luke Voss continued his fine form with the bat but it was the likes of 13-year-olds, Alex Horne and Tom Blair who, making their senior debuts, each batted for over half an hour."

Division Six North & West**MARTINSTOWN 2ND 95 ALL OUT****LOST TO SHILLINGSTONE 2ND 111 ALL OUT BY 16 RUNS**

MARTINSTOWN 2nds lost their top of the table clash with Shillingstone 2nd's in a low scoring game.

Martinstown put themselves in a good position by bowling their visitors out for 111, with Colin Crosthwaite (3-13), Colin Monteith (2-22) and Sam Gooding (4-22) the main wicket takers and only Matthew Wareham (35) and Gary Stockley (24 not out) showing any resistance.

However they could not cope with Stuart Antell (5-20) and James Green (3-26) when they batted and with only skipper Tom Bracey (33) and late runs from Monteith (16 not out), they fell 17 runs short of their target.

PORTLAND RT 2ND 252-5 BEAT**STALBRIDGE 3RD 114 ALL OUT BY 138 RUNS**

PORTLAND Red Triangle Seconds keep themselves in the promotion hunt with a 138 run defeat of Stalbridge 3rds.

Skipper Grant Neven won the toss and elected to bat on a windy day at the Windowman Oval with D Males (46) and L West (36) getting Portland off to a steady start.

A quick fire 23 from P Laming quickened the run rate, but his loss brought Dave Adkins to the wicket and he announced his return from injury with a well-placed and hard-hitting century in difficult conditions. With the wind swelling perpendicular at times, Portland set Stalbridge a stiff target of 253 for victory.

The visitors innings began in the worst possible way with J Arter being run-out by some sharp work in the field in the second over.

W Robertson offered some residence with a good half-century, after he was clean bowled by Pete Williams it was left to Jodie Locke to sweep away any further residence with a master class of line and length bowling to claim a well deserved five-for.

It was left to Neven to claim the last wicket as Portland cruised to an emphatic win.

Neven was once again full of praise for his side. "Dave and Jodie will take the plaudits and rightly so, but credit to all 11 and what a way to bounce back after last week's loss.

"Everyone felt we had something to prove and I feel they all came out and did exactly that."

TABLES

DORSET FUNERAL PLAN SATURDAY LEAGUE

Premier League	P	Pts
Parley	15	231
Wimborne & Colehill	15	228
Broadstone	15	197
Poole Town	15	192
WEYMOUTH	15	181
Ferndown Wayfarers	15	170
DORCHESTER	15	152
Stalbridge	15	104
Blandford	15	77
Winton	15	53

Division Two	P	Pts
Wimborne & Colehill 2nds	15	218
Shillingstone	15	205
Cranborne	15	193
Martinstown	15	188
Witchampton	15	143
Poole Town 2nds	15	143
Christchurch	15	139
BEAMINSTER	15	131
DORCHESTER 2NDS	15	126
WEYMOUTH 2NDS	15	62

Division Three	P	Pts
Compton House	15	207
Winton 2nds	15	202
Cerne Valley	15	183
CATTISTOCK	15	176
PORTLAND RT	15	171
Stalbridge 2nds	15	165
Ferndown Wayfarers 2nds	15	162
Broadstone 3rds	15	131
Parley 2nds	15	131
BRIDPORT	15	113

Division Five (N&W)	P	Pts
ABBOTSBURY	12	174
WEYMOUTH LONGSHOTS	12	172
Crewkerne	11	151
DORCHESTER 3RDS	12	137
Bradford Abbas	11	119
Cerne Valley 2nds	12	96
Marnhull 2nds	12	24
Henstree	12	-7

Division Six (N&W)	P	Pts
Shillingstone 2nds	11	158
PORTLAND RT 2NDS	11	141
MARTINSTOWN 2NDS	11	133
BEAMINSTER 2NDS	10	94
Sturminster & Hinton	11	89
Stalbridge 3rds	10	72
Gillingham	10	21

LONGHAM GARDEN MACHINERY SUNDAY LEAGUE

Division Three	P	Pts
PORTLAND RT	13	203
Sherborne	13	189
Stalbridge	13	178
Parley	13	163
SYMENE	14	146
Pokesdown Willows	13	117
Winton 2nds	14	111
CHARLTON DOWN	14	105
Lytchett Minster	13	96

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Swanage 2nds	11	144
Winton 3rds	13	143
Sturminster & Hinton	11	139
Shillingstone 2nds	12	128
Christchurch 2nds	11	119
PORTLAND RT 2NDS	12	105
Bournemouth 2nds	13	69
Cheselbourne	11	64

■ **PORTLAND Red Triangle Cricket Club** are already getting prepared for next season by announcing their winter training schedule, which will begin on Thursday, September 6th.

In order for coaches to build in separate coaching programmes for each age group there will be two sessions.

The under 13 sessions will run every Thursday from 5pm to 6.30pm, and the over 13s from 6.30pm to 8pm. The cost is £3 per session with a £5 enrolment fee.

Triangle have also entered teams at Under 10s (softball), U12s, U14s and U16s into the West Dorset Indoor League which will start on Saturday, September 8th.

LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS

Sailing puts Dorset on the map

ALTHOUGH Peter Wilson's Olympic Gold medal in the double trap shooting was Dorset's only success, the county has received a huge boost from worldwide exposure of the sailing events at Weymouth and Portland writes *Stuart Broom*.

The interest shown in four times Gold medalist Ben Ainslee, now the greatest Olympic sailor in history, has increased the media presence, and both the live screening and recorded highlights of the races has shown the world the superb Jurassic coastline.

Wilson's win, the fourth Team GB Gold, helped boost the country after a disappointing start to the games came in a dramatic finale where the 25-year-old from Glanvilles Wootton near Sherborne had to score with both shots on his last attempt to deny the Swedish shooter Hakan Dahlby, a feat he achieved before dropping to his knees in elation and relief.

At Weymouth Team GB sailors won a Gold and four Silver medals. Ainslee's win was just as dramatic as Wilson's. Having trailed the Dane Jonas Hogh-

Christensen after six races he came back brilliantly in the last four fleet races to go in level on medal race day.

Whilst Ainslee raced to keep the Dane behind him down the field, Dutchman Pieter-Jan Postma looked like he could snatch Gold by overtaking the New Zealand boat, but hit him as he tried, and had to take a penalty which gave the Brit the chance to sail into Olympic glory.

In what became an exceptional games for Team GB sailing, surpassing their expectations, Weymouth's

Nick Dempsey took Silver in the Mens RS:X sailing, celebrating by swimming ashore at The Nothe to greet his son Thomas, who he had promised to win a medal, and wife, former Gold Olympian Sarah Ayton.

Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson also won Silver in the Mens Star class, disappointingly losing out in the final few yards, whilst Hannah Mills and Saskia Clark had to be content with a silver medal after losing out in their final 470 shootout with New Zealand in the medal race.

Almost clean sweep for West Dorset Club A

WEST Dorset Club A took most of the snooker honours at the recent M & M Commercial sponsored Dorchester & District Snooker & Billiards League presentations held during the Annual General Meeting at the Colliton Club, Dorchester.

Mike Halford, from league sponsors M&M Commercial, presented the trophies for the 2011-2012 snooker and billiards seasons.

The awards were as follows:

Snooker

Premier League: Winner - West Dorset Club A / Runner-up - West Dorset Club C, Team Open Cup: West Dorset Club A / Colliton Nomads, Team Handicap Cup: West Dorset Club A / Colliton Cons, Individual Open Trophy: Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A) / Graham Haddow (Trinity Gooduns), Individual Handicap Trophy: Mark Beale (Trinity Gooduns) / Graham Haddow (Trinity Gooduns), Open Pairs Trophy: Graham Bartlett & Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club

A) / Graham Haddow & Sean Rhone (Trinity Gooduns), Top Break: Clive Haskell (Trinity M) 67.

Billiards

League: Trinity M / Trinity Endeavours, Team Open Cup: Trinity M / Colliton Cons, Team Handicap Cup: Colliton Club B / Trinity M Individual Open Cup: Mark Beale (Dorch. Con. Club) / Richard Bryant (Colliton XQ 2012), Individual Handicap Cup: Richard Bryant (Colliton XQ 2012) / Mike Collins (Trinity Endeavours), Top Break: Richard Bryant (Colliton XQ 2012) 67

The new snooker season, which will again be sponsored by M & M Commercial, will probably start on Monday, September 10th. Entries are still welcome from new clubs/teams. The closing date for entries is this Friday (August 17th). Anyone interested should contact the secretary on 01305 266362.



■ **TOP DOGS:** The League Chairman, Richard Bryant (left) presents the Snooker League Trophy to West Dorset Club A members Evan Wellman (centre) and Mike Halford. The team also won the Team Open and Handicap Snooker Knock-out Cups. Not present but also in team Graham Bartlett, Mike Woodroffe and Colin Granger

Cerne Valley hat-trick

CERNE Valley won the Bright Sparks Under 18 cricket cup for the third time after beating Martinstown and Dorchester in a thrilling finals day at Dorchester Recreation ground.

Cerne Valley, 2009 and 2010 competition winners, defeated Martinstown by 6 wickets in the first match, then swept aside defending champions Dorchester by 64 runs to clinch the cup in the day's final match. In the middle match, Martinstown beat Dorchester by 7 wickets.

Cerne's Adam Barrett was deserved winner of the Man-of-the-Tournament award.

The 2012 competition was changed to play all the matches over one day in a round-robin. The aim of the competition is to showcase local young cricket talent and promote sportsmanship.

Lee House, competition coordinator said: "The 2012 competition was dominated by the bat with very few wickets taken and plenty of runs scored."

"Adam Barrett was the top performer; however



■ **HAT-TRICK:** Cerne Valley pictured after third 3rd Bright Sparks Cup victory

there were also a number of very good performances, notably from Peter Horne, Jon Legg, Sam Kershaw, Henry Lewis and Jamie Downton. Well done Adam Barrett and Cerne Valley."

House continued: "This competition relies on a number of people from Rachel Bailey, through to the coaches, managers and parents. The umpires were brilliant and I'd like to extend my thanks to them for giving up their Sunday to support youth cricket."

"I'd also like to thank the Dorchester & District Evening League committee and also Ross Moors from Bright Sparks elec-

trical contractors for his continued support and generosity towards this competition."

Match 1: Martinstown 131-2 (Henry Lewis 46, Sam Kershaw 48no) lost to Cerne Valley 132-4 (Adam Barrett 40no, P Mercer 28) by 6 wickets.

Match 2: Dorchester 121-2 (D Morris 37, Jonathon Legg 40no) lost to Martinstown 122-3 (Henry Lewis 32, Sam Kershaw 40) by 7 wickets.

Match 3: Cerne Valley 204-8 (Jamie Downton 61, Adam Barrett 55, Marcus Evans 4-26) beat Dorchester 142-5 (J Foot 25, Peter Horne 43no, Ollie Downey 2-25) by 62 runs.

Weymouth's Blake in top form

WISCOMBE Park was centre stage last weekend for motor sport enthusiasts when the East Devon venue hosted the prestigious Avon Tyres British Hill Climb Championships.

With the fastest car and driver combinations travelling from Scotland, Wales and the Channel Islands it was an ideal opportunity for the local drivers to showcase their abilities who performed well.

The Modified Specialist Production class gave Weymouth's Geoff Blake his first Wiscombe victory in the new Westfield Sei sports car which campaigns with his father Graham.

A best time of 41.41 gave Geoff victory, as well as a personal best time, over Graham.

The duo anticipate further performance enhancements as they develop their new machine.

A family rivalry was also a feature of the over 2000cc Sports Libre category with Frampton's Rodney and Hayley Thorne sharing the driving duties in their Pilbeam MP43 sports racer.

Opposition within the class included Scotsman Allan McDonald with his self-constructed Mitsubishi Evo engine Mini and the two litre twin-turbo four wheel drive Ford Puma of Mike Manning.

Rod had the measure of the opposition from the start winning the class with a time of 38.88 seconds.

Hayley meanwhile recorded a best of 40.92 seconds which was identical to McDonald but the man from north of the border took fourth place having recorded a faster time on his other run.

Whilst the saloon and sports car drivers were immersed in their battles the quest for honours in the British Championship run-offs was intense.

With the series leader Scott Moran absent from the meeting, the door of opportunity was left ajar for second place man Trevor

Willis.

However the Aylesbury driver would have to defeat the challenges of Jos Goodyear with his 1.6 litre Suzuki powered GWR Raptor Extreme having taken two new hill records in Jersey and Guernsey just seven days previous.

A new track surface and good weather conditions led pundits to consider a new record at Wiscombe Park was a possibility.

With the 2004 record standing at 34.16 seconds three drivers qualified for the first championship run-off with sub 34 second times.

Scotsman Wallace Menzies fought his mighty Cosworth powered DJ Firestorm all the way up the testing 900 metre course to set a time of 37.00 seconds.

But this was soon eclipsed by Goodyear who in a determined drive was using shortcuts across the kerbs and grass verges to post a time of 36.73.

Willis was last to run and in a committed climb took the win on 36.47 seconds, forty-six hundredths of a second slower than his qualifying time which had constituted a new hill record.

The same trio of drivers were the top qualifiers for the second run-off.

The finishing order was identical, but this time Menzies spun his dramatic sounding Cosworth powered car on the exit of the Saw-bench hairpin, narrowly missing a tree.

Goodyear exhibited more restraint in his driving style on this occasion and as a result benefitted with a time of 34.26 seconds.

Willis provided a fitting climax to the meeting by storming up the hill in his Powertec engine OMS 25 providing the large number of spectators with an a drive of controlled aggression to claim not only his second victory, which put him in the lead of the national championship, but another outright hill record of 33.92 seconds.

Portland Town save ailing Yates FC

PORTLAND Town Football Club has stepped into save ailing club Yates FC.

After failing to find sponsorship and finance for the new season, it looked bleak for the club founded last season by Ben White as The Clipper with the Weymouth Sunday Football League registration deadline looming.

However Portland Town FC stepped in to take over ownership and agreed to supply the Yates team with a new kit sponsored by Ricol Leisure and Equipment to secure their 2012-13 season involvement.

It's a situation that sees Portland Town with two teams now competing in the WSFL, a move that's been sanctioned by DCFa.

Delighted to help

The club's Andy Barber commented: "We are delighted to be able to step in and save the club from withdrawing from the league."

"It's not an ideal situation having one club secretary with two teams competing in the same league, but it's certainly better than the alternative."

"The players Ben has gathered together are a great bunch of guys, and very decent footballers to boot, and I'm delighted we have been able to help at the 11th hour so to speak to save their club."

Portland town now have 11 teams this season and a figure that's pushing ever closer to the 300 mark in terms of players, officials and volunteers involved with the club.

Ben White who become the manager of Portland Town's additional Sunday side said: "I've had great feedback from the players, and being part of Portland Town FC is a massive welcome boost for us."

"We are now able to look forward to the season with no worries of finances and we can concentrate on just doing PTFC proud."



■ **WELCOME:** Ben White (left) and Andy Barber hold up the Yates FC strip for the new season.

Reopened track is venue for next round of HDYMC champs

HANTS & Dorset Youth Motocross Club extremely proud to announce that the recently reopened Tony-moto Motocross centre, Near Winchester (SO22 6RG) will host round 11 of the 2012 club championship on Sunday, September 2nd.

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Entries will be high and are expected to include a number of competitors currently competing at national and international level alongside club members and visiting riders.

The booking in line has already opened with riders advised to confirm their entry as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment

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INSIDE: Weymouth CC stunned by lowly Winton

Magpies and Terras looking for good starts New quartet for Dorch - Truro trio in line-up for Terras

BOTH Dorchester Town and Weymouth will be looking to open the new campaign with wins when both entertain sides expected to challenge for honours this season.

The Magpies host big spenders Eastbourne Borough in the Blue Square South whilst the Terras face relegated Kettering Town in the Evo-Stik League Southern Premier Division.

New Sports manager Tommy Widdrington has spent money in the close season and include former Weymouth 'keeper Nick Jordan in their squad.

Magpies' manager Phil Simpkins' first summer signing was striker Ben Watson, who will get early action against his old club, whilst there will be several other new additions on view at The Avenue (ko3pm).

Charlie Clough and Elliott Ward signed

non-contract terms on Tuesday and will be in the squad which will also include Exeter City loanees Jamie Reid and Jacob Wannell who joined the club last week on three months loan.

Reid scored in the 2-0 friendly victory over Wimborne Town on Saturday, and Simpkins said of the first year Grecian pros: "Both are excellent players. Jamie is a big lad and played well with Ben up front on Saturday, and Jacob at 6'3" not only gives us height at the back but is very sharp.

"They are not just good players, but smashing lads, and we are grateful to Paul Tisdale for allowing them to come.

"It is a good move for both clubs and follows on from Tom Nichols time here last year. He came as a boy, and left a man having really enjoyed himself, and is a pivotal

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part of Exeter's future. He has now gone to Hereford for a spell to learn more."

However full-back Kyle Critchell has left the Magpies to join Weymouth.

With former Yeovil Town youngster Lewis Morgan having signed non-contract terms last week and the experienced Jason Matthews in goal, Simpkins is looking to at least repeat last season's success with a top half finish.

"We will give it our best shot. With a number of club's with big budgets, I will be delighted if we can achieve what we did last season, or even surpass that!"

King optimistic

Over the Ridgeway, Weymouth manager Brendon King is entering a new season with optimism having added several new faces to his squad during the summer.

King confirmed Scott Walker, who joined from Truro City, will lead the side this season where he will be joined in midfield by a former colleague, the experienced Danny Clay.

Barry McConnell completes a trio of former Truro City players and will give experience to a back four that has now been strengthened by the arrival this week of Kyle Critchell from Dorchester Town.

The 25-year-old full-back has taken a step down to join the Terras for whom he has already had four previous spells, and looks as if he will play alongside Sam Poole in the

heart of the defence.

Former Terra Simon Evans has returned to fill the problematic goalkeeping position, whilst up front King has recruited Ben Joyce, another returnee after a short spell at Kettering Town and Dan Smith who looks like he could add some goal power following the loss of Warren Byerley.

Unfortunately full-back Ashley Wells is sidelined with a broken ankle, but King will feel positive that with the experience he had added this term his side should at least compete for a top half place if not better.

Kettering Town on Saturday will prove a tough opener, if not for all the publicity over George Rolls and the Byerley transfer, but with many of the players involved not having been at the club during Rolls' reign, it is hoped this will not affect them.

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